

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A light assembly ~~having a pre-defined shape~~, for removable attachment to a guide provided on a weapon, said light assembly comprising a housing provided with a reflector having a lamp at one end thereof and batteries for powering said lamp through a switch, said housing having:

a) a pair of lateral members movably mounted to the housing and being movable between a retracted position and an extended position relative to the housing, wherein:

when said members are in the retracted position, ~~the light assembly has said pre-defined shape~~ said lateral members are retracted into the housing; and

when said members are in the extended position, said members protrude from the housing and are adapted to engage said guide; and

b) means for preventing longitudinal movement of the light assembly on the guide.

2. (Currently Amended) The light assembly according to claim 1, wherein the housing has ~~two sides, each one of said two sides being provided with a channel~~ channels located on opposite sides of the housing for receiving a respective one of said lateral members, where each one of said lateral members comprises an inner substantially planar face bounded at least by an upper edge and a lower edge, and wherein the guide is planar, parallel to the housing and perpendicular to the inner planar face of the lateral members, said guide comprising flanges parallel to each other projecting outwardly, planar to the guide; said inner face of the lateral members being adjacent to the housing and provided with a longitudinal groove proximate and parallel to the lower edge, said longitudinal groove being shaped and sized to slidably engage the flange.

3. (Currently Amended) The light assembly according to claim 2, wherein [[when]] the lateral members are further provided with locking means for locking said lateral members in the retracted position and in the extended position.

4. (Original) The light assembly according to claim 2, wherein each channel is shaped and sized to receive a corresponding lateral member, said channel comprising a back face and inwardly sloping sidewalls for maintaining the lateral member within said channel.

5. (Original) The light assembly according to claim 2, wherein each channel is substantially U-shaped and sized to receive a corresponding lateral member, said U-shaped channel being provided with guiding members protruding outwardly and perpendicularly from said channel, for slidably engaging corresponding grooves extending from the upper edge to the lower edge of the lateral members.

6. (Currently Amended) The light assembly according to claim 2, wherein the guide is provided with a plurality of cross-slots and wherein each one of said lateral members further includes a latch having:

an upper portion and a lower portion, said upper portion and said lower portion each having an inner face adjacent to the side of the housing and an outer face; and

a latch projection projecting inwardly from the inner face of said lower portion of the latch, for engaging any one of said cross-slots,

said latch being inwardly biased;

wherein the latch is pivotable between an operative position and an inoperative position so that:

a - when the latch is in the operative position, with the latch projection protruding into the [[side]] cross-slots of the housing guide, thereby providing the means for preventing longitudinal movement of the light assembly on the guide; and

b - when the latch is in the inoperative position, the upper portion is pivoted inwardly toward the housing while the lower portion is pivoted outwardly away from the housing, thereby preventing the latch projection from engaging any one of said cross-slots.

7. (Original) The light assembly according to claim 6, wherein each channel comprises a back face and sidewalls, said back face comprising a depression shaped and sized to receive a respective one of said latch projections so that, when the lateral members are in the retracted position, each one of said respective latch projections engages said respective depression.

8. (Original) The light assembly according to claim 1, wherein the switch is a push button.

9. (Currently Amended) The light assembly according to claim 1, wherein the pre-defined shape is light assembly has a substantially cylindrical shape upon retraction of the lateral members into the housing.

10. (Original) The light assembly according to claim 1, wherein the lamp is a LED assembly.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for removably attaching a light assembly, said light assembly ~~having a pre-defined shape~~, for removable attachment to a guide provided on a weapon, said light assembly comprising a housing provided with a reflector having a lamp at one end thereof and batteries for powering said lamp through a switch, said housing having a pair of lateral members movably mounted to the housing and being movable between a retracted position into the housing and an extended position ~~relative to protruding from~~ the housing and means for preventing longitudinal movement of the light assembly on the guide, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing said light assembly;
- b) extending the lateral members by sliding them in channels from the retracted position in the housing, until they are in the extended position outside of the housing adapted to engage the guide;
- c) engaging longitudinal grooves of the lateral members into flanges of the guide;
- d) moving and maintaining latches of the lateral members in an inoperative position, while sliding the light assembly on the guide; and
- e) moving the latches in an operative position to engage the guide.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising the ~~steps~~ step of detaching the light assembly from the guide, said step of detaching comprising the sub-steps of:

- f) moving and maintaining the latches in the inoperative position, while sliding ~~the lateral members until they are in the retracted position~~ the light assembly longitudinally along the flanges of the guide; and

g) moving depressing the latches ~~in the operative position~~, so that the light assembly resumes the ~~pre-defined shape~~ members slide back in the channels back into the light assembly.